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SUBJECT: FRG'S POLICY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA

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1. THE FRG HAS INFORMATION THAT THE "ANTI-APARTHEID
MOVEMENT" (AAB) WILL PRODUCE NEW "EVIDENCE" OF
COOPERATION BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE FRG IN THE
ARMS AND NUCLEAR FIELDS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 15. (SEE REFTEL FOR A REPORT OF
LATEST AAB ATTACK ON FRG TWO WEEKS AGO.)

2. IN AN EFFORT TO OFFSET THE INEVITABLE BAD PRESS
THE AAB WILL BE ABLE TO STIMULATE, FONOFF STATE
SECRETARY VAN WELL HAS SCHEDULED A MEETING WITH
AFRICAN AMBASSADORS STATIONED IN BONN FOR THIS
FRIDAY. THE FONOFF HAS ALSO SCHEDULED A BACKGROUND
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BRIEFING ON MONDAY. VAN WELL PLANS TO EXPLAIN THE
FRG'S POLICY TO THE AFRICAN AMBASSADORS AND ASK THAT
THEY DO WHAT THEY CAN TO PUSH THE NEGOTIATIONS ON
NAMIBIA AHEAD. HE BELIEVES THAT REPORTING BY
AFRICAN AMBASSADORS STATIONED IN WESTERN CAPITALS
PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN INFLUENCING THEIR
GOVERNMENTS' POLICIES IN A MODERATE DIRECTION.

3. THE ALLEGATIONS OF THE AAB WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY THE TASS STATEMENT OF AUGUST 8 AND THE SOVIET DELIVERY OF IT IN BONN AUGUST 9. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE RECALL THE FONOFF'S BELIEF THAT THE AAB IS FINANCED BY THE GDR AND IS USED TO ATTACK THE FRG'S AFRICAN POLICY TO THE BENEFIT OF THE EAST GERMAN POSITION IN AFRICA.

4. THE ATTACK BY THE AAB ON THE FRG'S AFRICAN POLICY IN THE FALL OF 1975 (THE RALL AFFAIR) WAS PROFESSIONALLY EXECUTED AND VERY EFFECTIVE. IT FOLLOWED A PATTERN OF GRADUALLY ESCALATING CHARGES SUPPORTED BY INCREASINGLY CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF WRONGDOING (ACCEPTANCE BY RALL OF A JUNKET), WHICH IN TURN SEEMED TO SUPPORT FURTHER, UNFOUNDED CHARGES OF SAG/FRG COLLUSION IN ARMS AND NUCLEAR MATTERS. NEXT WEEK SHOULD BE INTERESTING.
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